

1 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25**

2 (By Senators Hall, K. Facemyer, Kessler (Acting President),
3 Plymale, Browning, Klempa, Yost, McCabe and Unger)

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7 Requesting the Division of Highways to name West Virginia Route 35,
8 running through Putnam and Mason counties, the "Fruth-Lanham
9 Highway".

10 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth, son of Henry E. and Marjorie M. Fruth,
11 formerly Rothgeb, of Mason County was born June 3, 1928, in Mason
12 County, West Virginia, and died on July 19, 2005; and

13 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth graduated from Greenbrier Military
14 School in 1946, attended Duke University and graduated from the
15 Ohio State University School of Pharmacy in 1951, where he was a
16 member of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity; and

17 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth received an honorary Master's Degree of
18 Public Service from the University of Rio Grande; and

19 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth and the former Frances Rhodes of South
20 Charleston, Ohio, a graduate of the Ohio State University School of
21 Home Economics, were married in December, 1950, and have five
22 children who are Michael, Joan, Carol, Lynne and John, and eight
23 grandchildren; and

24 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth served as president of the West

1 Virginia Pharmacists Association and received the Bowl of Hygeia
2 Award for Community Service in 1975; and

3 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth was a member of the Ohio State
4 Pharmaceutical Association; the National Association of Retail
5 Pharmacists; served as Pharmacy Representative to the Medical
6 Advisory Board of the West Virginia Department of Human Services
7 and served as Chairman from 1979-1983; and

8 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth was a member of the Associated Chain
9 Drug Stores, Inc., had served on its Board of Directors and had
10 served as the National Chairman of Affiliated Associated Chain Drug
11 Stores from 1989-1990; and

12 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth received the James H. Beal Award from
13 West Virginia Pharmacists Association in 1995 and was a member of
14 the West Virginia State Board of Pharmacy and the Ohio State
15 University College of Pharmacy Corporate Council; and

16 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth was a member of the Point Pleasant
17 Chapter of Rotary International, serving as President in 1962, and
18 was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Minturn Lodge No. 19 A.F.
19 & A.M., Pat Wilson Shrine Club and Beni Kedem Temple; and

20 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth was on the Board of Trustees of
21 Pleasant Valley Hospital since 1958, serving as President from
22 1982-83; was Vice President of the Mason County Development
23 Authority; was a Director for the Point Pleasant-Mason County
24 Chamber of Commerce, serving as President in 1968; was a member of

1 the Board of Trustees of Trinity United Methodist Church; and was
2 Investment Committee Chair for United Methodist Charities; and

3 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth served on the Board of Directors of the
4 Green Acres Center and was Chairman in 1962; was Chairman of the
5 Executive of Peoples Bank from 1965-1988 and Chairman of the Board
6 since 1988; had been a Director of the City Holding Company since
7 1986; was a member of the West Virginia Roundtable; was a member of
8 the University of Rio Grande Board of Trustees, serving as
9 President from 1997-1998; and was a member of the Regional Economic
10 Development Authority of Rio Grande, Ohio; and

11 Whereas, Jack E. Fruth was the founder and chairman of Fruth
12 Pharmacy, a regional drug chain comprised of twenty-two retail
13 pharmacies in West Virginia and Ohio and served on the Visitation
14 Committee for the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy; and

15 Whereas, Charles C. Lanham, son of Stanton and Westa Lanham,
16 formerly Jones, of Jackson County, was born September 12, 1928, in
17 Kanawha County, West Virginia; and

18 Whereas, Charles C. Lanham graduated from Ripley High School
19 in 1946, Marshall University in 1952, the West Virginia School of
20 Banking in 1956, the Graduate School of Consumer Banking of the
21 University of Virginia in 1958, the Graduate School of Banking at
22 the University of Wisconsin in 1962 and the Senior Bank Officer of
23 Harvard University in 1968; and

24 Whereas, Charles C. Lanham and the former Lilly Faye Staats of

1 Mason and Jackson counties, were married in 1950 and have four
2 children who are Terry, Joyce, Edgar and Bert, ten grandchildren
3 and one great-grandson; and

4 Whereas, Charles C. Lanham began his distinguished banking
5 career in 1952 at the First National Bank of Ripley and, in 1963,
6 became Executive Vice President, then President, of Citizens
7 National Bank, Point Pleasant, until Citizens National Bank became
8 a Division of The First Huntington National Bank and he remained as
9 President there until 1993; and

10 Whereas, Between 1993 and 1997, Charles C. Lanham was
11 President of Bank One, West Virginia, Point Pleasant; Senior Vice
12 President, Bank One, West Virginia; then Chairman, Bank One, West
13 Virginia, Point Pleasant; and

14 Whereas, Between 1997 and 1999, Charles C. Lanham was
15 Executive Vice President, Ohio Valley Bank; Senior Vice President,
16 Ohio Valley Banc Corp; and Director, Ohio Valley Banc Corp; and

17 Whereas, Charles C. Lanham is currently a member of Ohio
18 Valley Bank West Virginia Advisory Board; Director Emeritus, Ohio
19 Valley Banc Corp.; and Governmental Relations Officer, Ohio Valley
20 Bank; and

21 Whereas, Charles C. Lanham was named "West Virginia Banker of
22 the Year" in 1997; has been a member of the American Bankers'
23 Association since 1978, serving as State Vice President and on the
24 Government Relations Council and Bankpac Committee; and

1 Whereas, Charles C. Lanham is a lifetime member of the West
2 Virginia Bankers' Association, having served as a former President
3 and member of the Board of Directors and on many Task Forces and is
4 member of the President's Club; and

5 Whereas, Charles C. Lanham served as Cochairman, Route 35
6 Committee, Mason County; is a member of the Marshall University
7 Lewis College of Business Advisory Board and Marshall University
8 Economic Development Authority Advisory Board, among others; and

9 Whereas, Charles C. Lanham was the first President and a
10 member of Pleasant Valley Hospital Health Foundation; is a member
11 of the West Virginia Roundtable; is a former President and current
12 Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Pleasant Valley Hospital; and
13 is a former member Board of Directors of West Virginia Hospital
14 Association; and

15 Whereas, Charles C. Lanham is a member and past President of
16 the Point Pleasant Rotary Club; is a past President and ex-officio
17 member of the Board of Directors of the Mason County-Point Pleasant
18 Chamber of Commerce; is a former member of the Big Green Club and
19 the Presidential Advisory Board of Marshall University; is a past
20 President of Mason County BiCentennial, Inc.; is President of Mason
21 County Development Authority; Regional Director of the West
22 Virginia Chamber of Commerce; President of Regional Economic
23 Development Association; and is a member of Regional Airport
24 Authority and the West Virginia Public Port Authority; and

1 Whereas, In 2004, Charles C. Lanham was appointed to the West
2 Virginia Senate from the fourth senatorial district; served on the
3 Senate committees on Banking and Insurance, Economic Development,
4 Government Organization, the Judiciary and Labor and Pensions;
5 then, decided not to seek election to the West Virginia Senate in
6 2006; and

7 Whereas, It is evident that both Jack E. Fruth and Charles C.
8 Lanham have contributed greatly to their communities and this State
9 of West Virginia; and

10 Whereas, It is fitting to honor Jack E. Fruth and Charles C.
11 Lanham by naming West Virginia Route 35 running through Putnam and
12 Mason counties as the Fruth-Lanham Highway in lasting tribute from
13 the grateful citizens of Putnam and Mason counties and the State of
14 West Virginia; therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

16 That the Legislature hereby requests the Division of Highways
17 to name West Virginia Route 35, running through Putnam and Mason
18 counties, the Fruth-Lanham Highway; and, be it

19 *Further Resolved,* That the Division of Highways is hereby
20 requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the road as
21 the "Fruth-Lanham Highway" at strategic places upon entering both
22 Putnam and Mason counties from both directions; and, be it

23 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby
24 directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of

1 the Department of Transportation, to next of kin of Jack E. Fruth
2 and to Charles C. Lanham.